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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to patent application filed June 23, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                       |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>6/23/03</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                              | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.  |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's attorney, Mr. Jonathan Bowser (Reg. #54574) on September 27, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 1, replace "capable of" with -- for --.

In claim 1, line 2, delete "capable of".

In claim 1, lines 6, 10, 13 and 15, replace "capable of" with -- for --.

In claim 2, line 1, replace "capable of" with -- for --.

In claim 2, line 2, delete "capable of".

In claim 2, lines 6, 10, 13 and 15, replace "capable of" with -- for --.

In claim 3, lines 2-3, replace "be capable of measuring" with -- measure --.

In claim 4, lines 2-3, replace "be capable of receiving" with -- receive --.

In claim 4, lines 3-4, replace "be capable of measuring" with -- measure --.

In claim 5, line 2, replace “be capable of measuring” with -- measure --.

In claim 6, line 2, replace “be capable of receiving” with -- receive --.

In claim 6, lines 3-4, replace “be capable of measuring” with -- measure --.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed type of microwave sensor equipped with: a distance identifying means for calculating relative distance from the distance identifying means to an object; a moved distance identifying means for calculating moved distance per unit time of the object; and an object determination means receiving outputs from the distance identifying means and the moved distance identifying means for object detection determination operations such that the moved-distance-per-unit-time value, which serves as trigger value for object detection determination, is set lower as the relative distance to the object grows smaller.

Independent claim 2 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed type of microwave sensor equipped with: a distance identifying means for calculating relative distance from the distance identifying means to an object; a moved distance identifying means for calculating moved distance per unit time of the object; and an object determination means receiving outputs from the distance identifying means and the moved distance identifying means for object detection

determination operations such that the moved-distance-per-unit-time value, which serves as trigger value for object detection determination, is set lower when the relative distance to the object is less than or equal to a prescribed value than when the relative distance is greater than the prescribed value.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

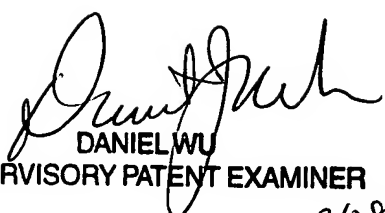
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sihong Huang whose telephone number is 571-272-2958. The examiner can normally be reached on Wed, Thu & Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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